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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 30 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 2, 55.

Identification of prior art discussed: Nicholls (US2003/0068606), Eggert et al. (US 5,853,292).

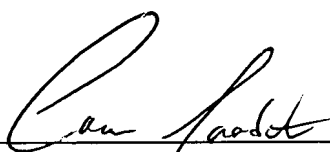
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representatives and examiners discussed ways in which to amend the claims to overcome the current art of record. Examiner suggested narrowing the claims to more clearly indicate that the sensors are incorporated as part of the tissue structures, and suggested that the claims be directed more towards this aspect of the device rather than a device comprising standard sensors with conductive elastomer segments. Various particular embodiments were discussed, including embodiments comprising conductive simulated bone structures, and whether or not they were obvious with regard to the prior art of record and art known by the examiners and applicant. Also discussed were limitations involving the manipulation of the system without using instruments, and whether or not these limitations were obvious. Examiners indicated that US7,261,566 and US 6,669,483 might be cases that are relevant prior art regarding these features. No agreement as to patentability was reached..